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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LILONGWE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:ROHODESIA; MUZOREWA AND NYANDORO TO VISIT
LONDON MARCH 4-7

1. DENNIS NYAMUSWA, BISHOP MUZOREWA'S US REP CALLED AF
(EDMONDSON) TODAY TO SAY UISHOP AND GEORGE NYANDORO,
UNAC SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ARE LEAVING SALIS-
URY FRIDAY MARCH 3 TO ARRIVE LONDON SATURDAY WHERE THEY
HOPE TO SEE DAVID OWEN EITHER MONDAY OR TUESDAY.
NYAMUSWA, WHO SAID HE TALKED TO BOTH MUZOREWA AND
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NYANDORO BY TELEPHONE SAID THEY HAD ASKED HIM TO SEE IF
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO COME TO
LONDON TO MEET THEM WITH OWEN. ALT-RNATIVELY NYAMUSUA
SAID THE BISHOP AND NYANDORO WOULD BE WILLING TO COME TO
SEE SOMEONE IN WASHINGTON EXCEPT THAT THEY MUST BE BACK
IN SALISBURY BY THURSDAY OR FRIDAY (MARCH 9-10).

2. EDMONDSON SAID HE WOULD CHECK INTO MATTER RIGHT AWAY, ALTHOUGH IN VIEW OF THE BISHOP'S TIGHT SCHEDULE, IT MIGHT BE BEST IF APPROPRIATE OFFICER FROM EMBASSY LONDON COULD SIT IN SOME OF LONDON TALKS.

3. BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON AT FIRST UNAWARE OF ANY

VISIT PLANNED BY MUZOREWA. AFTER CHECKING WITH LONDON, TELLS US THEY NOW HAVE SIMILAR MESSAGE, WITH ADDITIONAL POINT THAT MUZOREWA MUST LEAVE TUESDAY NIGHT TO RETURN TO RHODESIA.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT SEND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO SEE MUZOREWA IN LONDON, SINCE MOOSE DID NOT SEE SITHOLE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT THERE. WE WOULD NOT WISH ENCOURAGE SPECIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON (WHICH) MAY BE AS MUCH OR MORE NYAMUSWA'S IDEA AS THE BISHOP'S) AND THIS MAY BE RULED OUT BY BISHOP'S NEED TO GET BACK IN ANY EVENT. (NYANDORO HAS BEEN BY BILL EDMONDSON IN AF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AND COULD OF COURSE BE SEEN BY HIM AGAIN.) ON BALANCE, WE PREFER HAVING AMBASSADOR BREWSTER SEE MUZOREWA AND PARTY IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED. VANCE

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